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Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau -- June 1987

I. GENERAL

The principal event during the month was the First Session of the Eighth SRV National Assembly which was convened on 17 June and lasted until 22 June. The highlight of the meeting was the "election" of Vo Chi Cong as Chairman of the Council of State replacing Tnuong Chinh and Pham Hung as Chairman of the Council of Ministers replacing Pham Van Dong. Being a "predictable event" the Bureau was geared to cover the event from start to finish. We left the analyst dish on the 80° E satellite for the duration of the meeting in order to pick up Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City TV feeds, Facsimile transmissions and VNA satellite transmissions. The TV feeds were very productive. We monitored a number of speeches which were either not carried on radio or were only carried in truncated form. In other cases we were able to get a head start on the translation and then used the open source domestic radio sourceline, after determining that the speeches were identical. In all we turned out 5 VSL's on the meeting and sent all of the tapes to MOD by Purolator Courier. We made simultaneous VHS recordings for the Thai NIA. The facsimile again was disappointing, transmitting only wirephotos and one page of text during the entire proceedings. The VNA satellite transmissions were useful in checking names. Even though VNA is still Okinawa's coverage we did file one item - - the announcement of Vo Chi Cong and Pham Hung's election which came up 40 minutes ahead of the scheduled HF VNA cast monitored by Okinawa. ✓

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In late May the SRV Party organ NHAN DAN began running on the front page a short column citing examples of corruption and waste. These columns were transmitted verbatim on the domestic radio. The interesting feature was that the columns were signed by "NVL", giving rise to speculation that Nguyen Van Linh was the author. The bureau became convinced early on that Linh or his representative was the author. These observations were sent as a service message to AG and were used extensively in an AG note on the subject. The column and reactions to the column continue to be carried on the radio and in the press.

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2. At the beginning of the month, India and Sri Lanka were involved in a confrontation over India's attempts to dispatch by sea relief supplies to Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka refused to allow the vessels to enter Jaffna port. The confrontation subsided a few days later when Colombo agreed to an air drop of relief supplies. The bureau maintained an open watch on 3 and 4 June, during the height of the conflict and preempted the operational dish to provide continuous coverage of LANKA PUWATH which is transmitted on the 60° E IntelSat satellite. The clandestine Voice of Tamil Eelam which evidently went off the air on 28 May was unheard throughout the month of June.

3. On the 2nd of June the Bangkok First Army Division radio and the Bangkok Central Security Division radio stations moved to the new Palapa B-2-P Indonesian satellite at 113 degrees east. These stations were previously located on the 108E Indonesian bird. All of the Thai transmissions that were previously located on the 108E Palapa B1 satellite are now on the 113E Palapa B-1-P. On the 9th of June, Kuala Lumpur domestic service television #1 also moved from the 108E Palapa B1 bird to the new 113E Palapa B-2-P satellite.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of London Bureau, Bangkok processed a 45 minute BBC Phone-in program "It's Your World" featuring Viktor Karpov, Head of the Department for Arms Reduction and Disarmament of the USSR Foreign Ministry.

2. The Bureau serviced numerous ad hoc requests from the Economic, Political, and Refugee sections of the Embassy. In addition, we responded to three requests of Pancho Huddle, Consul in Songkla and one from the American Embassy in Vientiane.

C. Technical

1. The inside of both ROSET antenna pedestals were painted this month. The object in painting was to improve the general appearance and to seal the concrete in an effort to control the dust.

2. Annual preventative maintenance of the Bang Ping reception site HF Antenna field has been completed. During the inspection a feed line from one of the rhombic antennas was found to be defective. Feed line was repaired and the system is now operational. Also, rusted areas found on the towers have been cleaned and repainted.

3. Negotiations are continuing with the ITT representative concerning the new PBAX (telephone system) installation. Problems on interfacing with the bureau's microwave system have arisen causing an unanticipated cost overrun of \$3,125.00. Delegation of authority for this additional expense has been requested from Hqs.

4. New Equipment:

A. Fluke digital multimeter - SN 4195130.

B. Akai timer, Model DT-138, 6 Ea. SNS. 20380-00256, -00116, -00107, -00120, -00142, -00258.

C. DVF 100 Downconverters 5 Eas. - SNS. 2-027, 2-029, 2-0023, 2-026, 0-001.

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Item "C" replaces CVF 100 Downconverters, SNS. 1-013, 1-011, 1-019, 2-022, 1-012, which have been returned to Hqs. for modification.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Deputy Chief [] and family departed 14 June for home leave and assignment as Chief, Seoul Bureau.

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2. Senior Editor [] and family departed 7 June for home leave and assignment to Amman, Jordan.

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3. Also departing was [] daughter of [] a recent graduate of ISB, left 11 June to attend Illinois University in Urbana.

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4. Two promotions were presented during the month, one to Indonesian Monitor [] who was promoted to FBN-9, one to technician [] who was promoted to FBN-8.

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5. Vietnamese monitor, [] EODed 4 June. [] had previously been a monitor at the Saigon Bureau but unfortunately was left behind when Saigon folded. He eventually made his way to the U.S. as a refugee and once again has rejoined FBIS.

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6. Driver [] became the father of a baby girl, [] on 27 May and South Asian monitor [] became the father of a baby boy [] on 19 June.

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7. South Asian Unit Chief [] returned from the U.S. on 22 June after having to undergo more surgery.

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8. A large [] including [] hosted a lunch on 16 June honoring departing Deputy Chief []

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9. Teletypist [] has been hospitalized with typhoid fever since 28 June and will be off work for at least two weeks.

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B. Building and Grounds

1. In continuing to improve the bureau's storage facilities, additional storage shelves have been installed at Bang Ping and the bureau.

2. A contract has been let to Siam General Contractor Ltd. to construct a new incinerator for burning the bureau's unclassified trash. The old one was in such a state of disrepair that it could not be saved.

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IV. VISITS

1. DOD analyst Wendy Stettner, who is TDY to the Far East, was given a briefing on FBIS and tour of the bureau on 24 June.

2. On 26 June we conducted a tour of the Bang Ping facility for Wayne Houser, Deputy Chief of the VOA Bangkok Relay Station and his two top local employees. Wendy Stettner and her husband, also a DOD analyst, joined us.



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BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JUNE 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	797,150
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	255,840
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	2,252

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	22,045 min.	28,890 min.	269.50 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ROSET SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

INDIA

Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	7,860		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	58,620		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in Hindi	0		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	1,090		

INDONESIA

Jakarta TVRI Television Network in Indonesian	920		
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MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	280		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		11,550	

SRI LANKA

Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		32,320	
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VIETNAM

Hanoi Television Feed in Vietnamese to Ho Chi Minh City	2,960		
Hanoi VNA in English		1,180	

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IV. OUTPUT FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	25,050		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			0
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Overseas Service in English	0		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	8,350		
Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	0		
Dhaka BSS in English		0	
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			0
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			0

BRUNEI

Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English			0
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BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	5,990		
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			0
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			0

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	21,230		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		8,290	
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane		0	
Phnom Penh SPK in French		4,330	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>CAMBODIA (continued)</u>			
Phnom Penh VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	
Phnom Penh VNA in French to VNA Hanoi		0	
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing International Service in Bengali	0		
Beijing International Service in Burmese	770		
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	530		
Beijing International Service in Lao	0		
Beijing International Service in Thai	0		
Beijing in Cambodian to Cambodia	460		
Beijing in Hindi to India	0		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	580		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam in English	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	4,950		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	3,060		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Khmer in Cambodian	2,730		
(Clandestine) Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	6,450		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese	2,190		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Malaysia in Malay	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam in Tamil	0		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		80,070	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	7,030		

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<u>INDIA (continued)</u>			
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	7,860		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	58,620		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in Hindi	0		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	1,090		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		1,800	
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			2,060
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			2,020
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			1,220
Delhi PATRIOT in English			5,470
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			1,290
Delhi THE HINDU in English			9,410
Delhi INDIA TODAY in English			6,940
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta International Service in English	3,100		
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	7,460		
Jakarta TVRI Television Network in Indonesian	920		
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			4,450
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			1,090
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			0
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			2,150
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			3,870
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian			0
Jakarta SUARA PEMBARUAN in Indonesian			1,540
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Laos	51,490		
Vientiane KPL in English		19,060	

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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>LAOS</u> (continued)			
Vientiane KPL in English to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane KPL in French to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	
Vientiane PASASON in Lao			1,070
Vientiane VIENTIANE MAI in Lao			0
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	4,670		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	2,350		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	540		
Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	280		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		11,550	
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			1,180
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay			1,740
Kuala Lumpur BERITA MINGGU in Malay			0
Kuala Lumpur MINGGUAN MALAYSIA in Malay			0
Kuala Lumpur UTUSAN MALAYSIA in Malay			720
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Kathmandu External Service in English	800		
Kathmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			3,560
<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>			
Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English			0
Wellington THE EVENING POST in English			830

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<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in English	2,560		
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	0		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	5,350		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	13,300		
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			5,610
Karachi DAWN in English			9,980
Islamabad THE PAKISTAN TIMES in English			520
Karachi JASARAT in Urdu			0
Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu			0
Rawalpindi HAIDER in Urdu			0
Lahore JANG in Urdu			0
Karachi NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu			0
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	10,700		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			5,950
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	9,620		
Colombo International Service in Hindi	420		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	1,840		
Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil	0		
Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		32,320	
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			1,570
Colombo SUN in English			5,330
Colombo WEEKEND in English			360

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<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	11,180		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Lao	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,400		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Vietnamese	0		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	1,490		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	10,950		
Bangkok First Army Division Radio in Thai	1,890		
Bangkok Television Service in Thai	400		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			26,730
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			2,950
Bangkok THE NATION in English			34,170
Bangkok KHAO PHISSET in Thai			2,280
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai			2,300
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			1,180
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai			0
Bangkok NAEO NA in Thai			780
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			3,650
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai			0
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			2,530
Bangkok ZHONG HUA RIBAO in Chinese			170
Bangkok XING XIAN RIBAO in Chinese			460
Bangkok XIN ZHONG YUAN RIBAO in Chinese			0
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow International Service in Tamil	0		
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0		

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<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (continued)</u>			
Moscow in			
Burmese to Burma	0		
Moscow in			
Cambodian to Cambodia	850		
Moscow in			
Hindi to India	820		
Moŝcow in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	370		
Moscow in			
Lao to Laos	0		
Moscow in			
Thai to Thailand	0		
Moscow in			
Urdu to India	0		
Moscow in			
Urdu to Pakistan	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in			
Indonesian	0		
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>			
London BBC World Service in			
English	8,460		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in			
English	5,850		
Hanoi International Service in			
Cambodian	0		
Hanoi International Service in			
Thai	970		
Hanoi Domestic Service in			
Vietnamese	126,920		
Hanoi Television Feed in			
Vietnamese to Ho Chi Minh City	2,960		
Hanoi VNA in			
English		1,180	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			13,470
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			2,560
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in			
Vietnamese			0
Hanoi TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			12,890
Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG in			
Vietnamese			3,650